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LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
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Child Labour in MSMEs
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government is aware of engagement of child labour in various enterprises/ industries/factories particularly in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and also various textile industries including industries in Surat and Mumbai;
(b)if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto;
(c)whether any child labourer has been rescued and rehabilitated from such industries particularly from MSMEs and if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years and the current year; and
(d)whether any Committee has been set up to check employment of child labour in such industries/factories and if so, the details thereof and if not, the corrective action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)
(a) & (b): The number of main workers in the age group of 5-14 years in the country is 43.53 lakh as per 2011 Census which shows a decline from 2001 Census. The number of main workers in the age group of 5 to 14 years, as per 2011 Census, State-wise is given at Annexure-I. The Child Labour (Prohibition and Regulation) Act, 1986 provides for action by appropriate Government to secure the compliance with its provisions.
(c): Ministry of Labour & Employment is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme for rehabilitation of child rescued/ withdrawn from the prohibited occupations and processes which may include Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs). The number of child labourers rescued/withdrawn from work, rehabilitated and mainstreamed under National Child Labour Project Scheme during the last three years and the current year, State-wise, are given at Annexure-II.
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(d): Child Labour (Prohibition & Regulation) (CLPR) Act, 1986 prohibits the employment of children below 14 years of age in certain occupations and processes and regulates the working condition of children in employment where they are not prohibited. Central Government is the appropriate Government for enforcement of the CLPR Act in respect of Central Government establishments, railways, major ports, mines or oil fields and in all other cases, State Government is the appropriate Government for enforcement of the Act. As per the Act, the appropriate Government may appoint Inspectors for the purpose of securing compliance with the provisions of the Act.

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